(b) the details of such schemes implemented in the State upto 30th June, 2000; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUBHASH MAHARIA): (a) to (c) Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY) was introduced w.e.f. 1.4.1989. The scheme was implemented throughout the country including Arunachal Pradesh except Union Territories of Chandigarh and Delhi. The scheme was specifically meant for rural areas and not for towns and cities. The objectives of the programme was to provide additional gainful wage employment to the rural poor. The programme also aimed at creation of sustained employment by strengthening rural economic infrastructure besides creating community and social assets for the direct and continuing benefits of the rural poor. Forestry and Horticulture were permissible activities under the scheme. The funds under the scheme were utilized by the district panchayat, intermediate level panchayat and village panchayat in the ratio of 15:15:70 respectively. These institutions were allowed to take up any work as per their share of funds and the felt needs of the area. Village-wise details of the works undertaken were not monitored at the Central level.

The erstwhile JRY has been restructured, streamlined and renamed as Jawahar Gram Samridhi Yojana (JGSY) with effect from 1.4.99. The primary objective of the programme is to create demand driven village infrastructure. The programme is implemented by the village panchayat with the approval of Gram Sabha. Forestry and Horticulture continue to remain permissible activities under the JGSY.

Inadequate allocation of funds for poverty alleviation programmes

†445. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether poverty eradication programme is getting adversely affected on account of inadequate allocation of funds;

(b) if so, whether Government have agreed to provide adequate funds to eradicate poverty in the country;

(c) if so, the total amount of funds allocated during the last two years for this purpose; and

(d) whether all the schemes under Jawahar Rozgar Yojana would be fully implemented to improve the condition of poors in the country?

†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUNDER LAL PATWA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) The funds allocated to the programmes of the Ministry of Rural Development during the last two years are given below:

Year	Funds allocated
1998-99	Rs. 9751.00 crore
1999-2000	Rs. 9760.00 crore

(d) Jawahar Rozgar Yojana has been restructured as Jawahar Gram Samridhi Yojana with effect from 01/04/99 and is being implemented in rural areas all over the country.

Increase amount for construction of housing units under IAY

446. SHRI N.R. DASARI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) What is the amount sanctioned for constructing a house under the Indira Awaas Yojana;

(b) Whether it is a fact that a number of organisations have the minimum cost of a house to be constructed under IAY between Rs. 40,000 and Rs. 50,000 and the amount sanctioned is not sufficient; and

(c) if so, whether Government have a proposal to increase the amount to atleast Rs. 30,000 per housing unit?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUBHASH MAHARIA): (a) and (b) The ceiling on assistance for new construction of a house under Indira Awaas Yojana is Rs. 20,000/- and Rs. 22,000/- in plain and hilly/difficult areas respectively. Under Indira Awaas Yojana, no limit on the total cost of the house constructed has been stipulated. However, eligible beneficiaries are free to contribute by way of cash and/or in kind to build a better house.

(c) No proposal is under consideration of the Government to increase the present ceiling on assistance under Indira Awaas Yojana.

Review of KBK development schemes in Orissa

447. SHRI GANDHI AZAD: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state: